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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

April 23, 2008

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL/SEATING OF ALTERNATE

Present: Gunawan Ali-Santosa, Lawrence Ciardella, Alex Galang, Sudhir Mandal, Gurdev Sandhu, Noella Tabladillo, and Cliff Williams

Alternate Present: Aslam Ali

Staff: Andrade, Kunsman, Lindsay and Ogaz

III. PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Williams invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any topic not on the agenda, noting that no response is required from the staff or Commission, but that the Commission may choose to agendaize the matter for a future meeting.

Frank DeSmidt, Chamber of Commerce, announced the 3rd District Supervisor candidate forum to be held Wednesday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 9, 2008

Chair Williams called for approval of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of April 9, 2008.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2008 with one correction on Page 3, Commissioner Al-Santosa stated his comment was to hear from VTA on the impact of public transportation and not traffic.

M/S: Ali-Santosa, Mandal

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Lindsay announced that staff has established the adoption schedule for the Transit Area Specific Plan which will be presented at the Planning Commission meeting on May 28th for their review and has scheduled the City Council hearing on June 3rd.

Mr. Lindsay also stated that staff will provide an overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the role of the Planning Commission at their May 14th meeting.

VI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

City Attorney Mike Ogaz asked if any member of the Commission has any personal or financial conflict of interest related to any of the items on tonight's agenda.

There were no Commissioners who identified a conflict of interest.

**VII.
APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Chair Williams called for approval of the agenda.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S: Mandal/Ali-Santosa

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

**VIII.
CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Williams asked whether staff, the Commission, or anyone in the audience wished to remove or add any items to the consent calendar.

There were no changes to the consent calendar.

Chair Williams opened the public hearing on Item No. 1.

There were no speakers from the audience.

Motion to close the public hearing.

M/S: Mandal, Ciardella

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

Motion to approve the consent calendar.

M/S: Mandal, Tabladillo

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

***1 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AMENDMENT NO. UA08-0005:** A request to allow for onsite indoor consumption of beer and wine for an existing restaurant located at 756 E. Calaveras Blvd. (*Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 08-014 for approval.*)

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**X.
PRESENTATION**

**2. PRESENTATION OF
THE 2008-13 CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM (CIP)**

Greg Armendariz, Public Works Director, gave a presentation on the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2008-13. The CIP is a comprehensive 5 year plan of capital improvement projects. It is developed to protect and enhance the City's capital assets and infrastructure; preserve and improve the quality of life for the Milpitas residents and business community. Public facilities projects include streets, parks, public buildings, City water, sewer and storm system infrastructure. Staff recommends find the proposed 2008-13 in conformance with the General Plan and recommend the Proposed Capital Improvement Program to City Council.

Commissioner Ciardella asked why it is \$175,000 for playground equipment. Staff stated Cardoza Park is a 2 year program. The \$175,000 is primarily for the design and for ADA compliance. He also stated that in regards to streets, what the asphalt cost is. Staff stated they are getting bids of \$80 - \$100 a ton for asphalt. They were very fortunate this year to get \$1,000,000 from Prop 1B. He also asked if the sewer pump station at the Pines is still functioning well with all the homes being built in that area. Mr. Armendariz stated that the pump is functioning well, it does require a lot of maintenance on the City's part, but once the new project is implemented, there will be a brand new station as well as emergency capability to plug in a back up power generator in case of a power outage.

Commissioner Mandal asked what the status is on the pump renovation on Dixon Landing. Staff stated it will be completed in August 2008. Commissioner Mandal also asked about the greening of City facilities. Staff stated the City will be looking at all City buildings, pump stations, and street lights. Commissioner Mandal asked are the Abel improvements including Abel to Calaveras. Staff stated yes.

Alternate Commissioner Ali asked if there are any soccer fields in Milpitas. Mr. Armendariz stated there is a large amount of use for soccer but there are not enough soccer fields.

Commissioner Tabladillo inquired about the designs of the parks. Mr. Armendariz stated that staff tries to standardize the equipment to interchange with other parks and they also have a standard irrigation system. She stated in terms of infrastructure with the water and sewer, how does the City provide security for those locations so that there isn't any tampering so that the residents are protected. Staff stated that the City does have Homeland Security and that the City is doing something. Commissioner Tabladillo asked how the City includes the greening of the City in the infrastructure. Staff stated that the City is utilizing solar panels in the speed feedback signs. The irrigation controllers have an antenna with radio signals that go into the control center. Mr. Lindsay stated that the Council has adopted a resolution addressing a standardization issue and building issue. The Council has recognized the two green programs. The Council has opted for an educational approach to these programs for greening of the City.

Commissioner Galang inquired about the status on new fixtures at the Sports Center and if the City is getting a grant from FEMA. Mr. Armendariz stated that project is currently under construction. The project is scheduled to be completed August 2008. He also stated that the City was unsuccessful in obtaining a grant from FEMA. Commissioner Galang asked if there were other facilities to use in case of a natural disaster. Mr. Armendariz stated the schools are designated as shelters in case of emergency.

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Commissioner Sandhu asked about the improvements on Abel between Corning and Weller. Mr. Armendariz stated that project was complete. Commissioner Sandhu also asked about the Apton project. Mr. Lindsay stated that the Apton project building permits were expired. There has been no further action.

Chair Williams commended the City for successfully completing all the technology projects. In regards to the greening aspect, will future City vehicles come into the equation of green. Mr. Armendariz stated that current discussions have been related to Hybrid vehicles for City use. Chair Williams also asked if the Senior Center meets seismic conditions. Mr. Armendariz stated that the current facility does meet seismic standards. Chair Williams asked if there is a link to all the parks in the City. Mr. Lindsay stated Parks and Recreation Department has an interactive map on the City's website that shows each of the park locations and facilities that are available at each of those locations. The newer parks on Abel street are not on the website. Chair Williams asked if the residents on the Hillside have the accurate water supply in case of an emergency. Mr. Armendariz stated there is a project in the CIP to make various seismic retrofit improvements to the water system including the improvements on the Hillside.

Commissioner Ciardella asked what happens when a CIP project is over budget or under budget. Mr. Armendariz stated they are always back checking the cost estimate to ensure the architect is designing to the budget of a project. City Attorney Ogaz stated that in addition, in each construction budget, there is a contingency fund that is included and a certain margin is included for extra cost as part of the project.

Frank DeSmidt, Chamber of Commerce, suggested the City speak to the Post Office about their passport hours. He suggested that the City have broadcasting capability at the Senior Center and Community Center.

Motion to find the Proposed 2008-13 in conformance with the General Plan and recommend the Proposed Capital Improvement Program to City Council.

M/S: Mandal, Ali-Santosa

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. to the next regular meeting of May 14, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Lindsay
Planning & Neighborhood
Services Director

Yvonne Andrade
Recording Secretary

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